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1. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, IMCO LEGAL DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF
BUSHAGREES THAT SESSIONAL ACTS OF FIRST AND SECOND
CONFERENCES ARE INTERIM REPORTS. HE SAID FINAL ACT OF
CONFERENCE SEPT. 1-3 SHOULD BE A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT
INCORPORATING ALL DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDA-
TIONS AGREED DURING COURSE OF THREE SESSIONS OF CONFER-
ENCE. HE POINTED OUT THIS IS USUAL PRACTICE OF IMCO
AND EXPECTS ACTION TAKEN IN PREPARING FINAL ACT WILL
ACCORD FULLY WITH OUR VIEWS.

2. BUSHAGREED FROM LEGAL POINT OF VIEW THAT OUR PRO-
POSAL FOR OPENING AGREEMENTS FOR SIGNATURE SOME TIME AFTE
CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE MAKES SENSE AND WOULD AVOID
DIFFICULTIES IN CORRECTING ERRORS THAT MIGHT OCCUR.
FURTHERMORE, MALLET OF CONFERENCE SERVICES WOULD PREFER
31 NOVEMBER DATE FOR OPENING CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE ON
PRAGMATIC BASIS THAT CONSIDERABLE WORK WILL REMAIN TO BE
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DONE ON TEXTS. FRENCH HAVE JUST SUBMITTED 10 PAGES OF

COMMENT ON FRENCH TEXT. BUSHA SPECULATES SECGEN WILL PREFER OPENING AGREEMENTS FOR SIGNATURE AT END OF CONFERENCE TO GIVE IMPETUS TO CONVENTION, BUT SECGEN HAS NOT YET CONSIDERED MATTER AND EXPRESSED A JUDGMENT.

3. IN DISCUSSING SIGNATURE ISSUE WITH BILLINGTON, WHO CALLED US AUG. 5, HE SAID HE UNDERSTANDS USSR WILL BE PREPARED TO SIGN AT END OF SEPT. 1-3 CONFERENCE. ALSO, SEVERAL SMALLER STATES WHICH ARE NOT VERY CONCERNED WITH COMPARISON OF FOUR LANGUAGE TEXTS LIKELY WILL BE PREPARED TO TAKE SAME ACTION. HE SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM IF US WISHED TO DEFER SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BUT THOUGHT DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY WITH USSR, COULD ARISE IF WE WERE TO INSIST NO ONE SHOULD SIGN IN SEPT. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SOME STATES' VIEW SIGNATURE BY EVEN A FEW STATES IN SEPTEMBER COULD GIVE IMPETUS TO EARLY SIGNATURE BY OTHERS AND THUS BRING AGREEMENTS INTO FORCE AT EARLIER DATE THAN IF SIGNING WERE DEFERRED.

4. BUSHA UNDERSTANDS SAVELIEV WANTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH KEY PEOPLE ABOUT SIGNING AND THAT WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT AN APPROACH FROM HIM.

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